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Enclosed are copies of the following publications which are cited in the European Search Report.

- 1) Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 7, No. 270 (P-240), December 2, 1983;
- 2) Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 14, No. 465 (P-114), October 9, 1990;
- 3) U.S. Patent No. 5,106,715 issued April 21, 1992 to Matsumura et al; and



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4) EP 0,427,614 published May 15, 1991.

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